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Sumas Energy Files Motion to Postpone Delivery of EFSEC Recommendation to Governor Locke

Late Sunday, two days after the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) voted to recommend Governor Locke deny the Sumas 2 Generation Facility, Sumas Energy 2 Inc. filed a motion requesting EFSEC postpone transmitting its recommendation to the Governor.

Sumas Energy 2 Inc. noted in its motion that it will be filing a Petition for Reconsideration and that it "will present this Council with compelling reasons to reconsider its decision and to amend its recommendation regarding the project," and that "forwarding the recommendation to the Governor at this point would be premature."

EFSEC is giving the formal parties to the adjudicative proceeding until Monday, February 26th to respond to Sumas Energy's motion for EFSEC to postpone its transmittal of the recommendation the governor.

Allowing the parties to respond to formal motions is a common procedure during administrative proceedings.

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council is the state agency charged with making a recommendation to the governor as to whether large energy facilities should be sited in Washington. EFSEC voted Friday, February 16, to recommend Governor Locke deny the Sumas Energy 2 Inc. application to build a natural gas-fired electric generation facility in Sumas, Washington.